

Sunday, March 8, 2015

THE GOSPEL TO THE ROMANS

"THE LIBERTY of GRACE leads only to LIFE in Christ"

Romans 5:20-21; 6:1-11

1. The people from whom the question proceeds: vs 6:1; 7:1

- a. The Jews who only knew law as their grounds of justification: Lev 18:5/Ezek 18:26-32
- b. What purpose then was the law? Gal 3:19/Mt 5:17

2. A right conclusion that leads to the question: vs 6:1; 5:21

- a. A radical justification: Rom 5:1/Gal 2:16/Acts 13:38-39
- b. The historic argument for it: Gen 3:21-24; 6:5-8; 19/Ex 12
- c. An unqualified promise of success: Isa 54:17/Jer 23:6; 33:16

3. The Scandalous truth is that some will abuse this freedom: Jer 7:4-10

- a. Theologically impossible/Spiritually destructive/Factually true and evident
- b. The warning in every epistle: 1 Cor 7:12/Gal 6:13-16/Titus 1:16/Jude 4
- c. The tree is known by its Fruit: Luke 7:43-45 What doctrine?

4. The Reign of grace in Christ by our Union with Him: vs 6:9; 5:17

- a. Christ lives: vs 10 resurrected life, spiritual, divine (Him)
- b. Baptism for the believer, signifies this new life: vs 5-6 (Us in Him)
- c. The true believer is in Christ: Rom 6:17 (Mold) (Him in us)
- d. The true believer, therefore, lives together with Christ: vs 11/Gal 2:20/John 15